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In-plane behaviour of hollow core slab systems



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Design models for diaphragm action

Arch action



Strut and tie action



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Design with hollow core slabs



The assemblee of slabs should carry both the load in vertical direction and act as a diaphragm to transfer the horizontal loads on the structure to the stabilizing walls (and from there to the foundations).



Model of load transfer: arch action





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Model of load transfer: arch action



inner lever arm z depends on ratio B/L where z = 0.8B for B/L ≤ 0.5 z = 0.5B for B/L = 1 interpolation for B/L in between



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Model of load transfer: arch action



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Suspension reinforcement to bring load to position above arch



Loads due to wind tension and column inclination (in red colour) apply below the arch that should carry them. Therefore suspension reinforcement is required

Suspension reinforcement to bring load to position above arch



Coupling bars are provided at the end of the hollow core slabs in sleeves, creating tensile capacity through the slabs from bottom to top

Coupling bars in slabs in longitudinal direction to provide suspension capacity





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Shear capacity of joints between slabs





Principle of shear transmission across joints or rough interfaces



Original shear friction model (smooth saw teeths)

$$v_{Rd} = \sigma_c \ tan\alpha$$



Improved shear friction model: saw teeths with micro roughness

 $v_{Rd} = c_0 + \sigma_c \tan \alpha$

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Principle of shear transmission across joints or rough interfaces



maximum confining capacity of reinforcement $A_s f_{yd}$



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Principle of shear transmission across joints or rough interfaces

Surface type	description	C	μ
Very smooth	Surface cast against formwork in steel,	0.025 - 0.10	0,5
smooth	Surface created by sliding formwork or extrusion, or free surface without treatment after vibration	0.20	0.6
rough	Profilation of at least $\Delta h = 3mm$ at $\Delta l = 40mm$	0.40	0.7
indented	Surface provided with keys	0.50	0.9

Parameters for interface shear according to EN 1992-1-1



Longitudinal joints with extruded faces







Category "smooth"

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Providing confining stresses in joints by transverse reinforcement to increase shear capacity

Transverse reinforcement providing confining action for generating sufficient shear capacity of joints

Shear resistance of edge beams can be added.



EN-1992-1-1 (Cl. 10.9.2.(12) limits the mean shear stress v_{Rdi} in the joint to 0.15 N/mm².

Large scale test at TU Delft for "demountable hollow core floors"



Hollow core floor with longitudinal joints made with a low strength mortar $f_c = 1-2 \text{ N/mm}^2$ in order to enable demountability



Design of slabs for diaphragm action

Verification of shear capacity of longitudinal grouted joints between hollow core slabs



Grouted joints in precast floors should normally be assumed to be cracked due to restraint stresses. Possibly also fatigue stresses occur due to wind Forces.



Shear test at cracked joint between two hollow core slabs (TU Delft), for very low strength mortar



n = number of load cycles w = initial crack width

Value $\mu > 1,0$ holds true to at least up to 0,2 N/mm² even for a low strength mortar



Design of slabs for diaphragm action



Tests at TU Delft showed that no shear slip will occur if the friction angle is below $\mu = 1,0$ even after thousands of load cycles. If this is the case the following condition should be satisfied:

$$V_{Ed} / A_s f_{yd} \le 1,0$$

Where

- V_{ed} = design shear force in critical joint
- A_s = cross sectional area of reinforcement intersecting the joint.

 f_{yd} = design yield stress of reinforcement



Shear test at joint between two hollow core slabs (TU Delft)



Particular observation

If the joint cracks due to restrained shrinkage or bending, the crack creates keys, because of the variability of the interface strength in the joint faces





Increasing the shear capacity of the joints



By profilating the edges of the hollow core slab the shear resistance is raised to category 4 "indented" c = 0.5 and μ = 0.9

Failure criteria: - yielding of ties

- compression failure of concrete

Capacity can be determined by tests

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Increasing the shear capacity of the joints

Applying a structural topping





- Thickness reinforced topping \geq 50 mm
- Function: precast element provides restraint against compressive forces and buckling. Topping takes care of shear across the joints

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- A_{s2} suspension reinforcement for wind tension load
 - robustness of support







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- $A_{s4}\,$ in-plane shear capacity of longitudinal joints
 - out of plane shear capacity of longitudinal joints
 - eventual tensile tie for arch





 A_{s5} _ transmission of horizontal loads from floor to stabilizing walls



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Shear connectors A_{s5}

 A_{s5} Further details about shear connector



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Choice of the correct load bearing model



Diaphragm with opening: For wind from the most favourable side an inner lever arm $z = 0.8h_s$ applies.



For wind from the other side the lever arm should be reduced to $z = 0.8h_{s,red}$



Choice of the correct load bearing model



Two options for bearing Mechanism:

- 2-arch system
- 1 arch system with larger inner lever arm



Choice of the correct load bearing model



Left side: solution with strut and tie model Right side: solution with arch



Choice of the correct load bearing model



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Choice of the correct load bearing model (strut and tie)



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Underground parking house

Floors with two functions:

- carrying the traffic load
- resisting the horizontal soil pressure

Slabs to be designed for buckling







- To be regarded: out of plane deformations of the slab occur due to prestressing, horizontal and vertical loads to be regarded for buckling capacity
 the resist buckling the slab should be designed at two sides:
 - therefore a reinforced structural topping is provided.
 - the floor should be checked in the two principal directions
 - buckling could occur in upwards and downward direction
 - also long term deformations should be regarded







Structural system to calculate second order moments for downward buckling



- First calculate the deflections of the unit without axial load by the soil both for short and long term, in upward and downward direction
- Add a tolerance, or an initial camber of 20 mm as requested by EN 1992-1-1, Cl.
 6.1(4)
- Calculate the bending moments including the eccentric normal force by the soil, the prestressing force and the vertical loads
- Calculate the reinforcement necessary for the structural topping
- Calculate the additional deflection due to the normal force by the soil
- Follow a stepwise calculation: in any step the additional eccentricities will become smaller (in a good design)
- In a few steps the final situation is found with the governing moments, due to second order effect.
- The final total moment should be checked against the capacity of the slab. If necessary, some prestressing strands should be added



Verification in the other direction:

The buckling effects logically only occur in the supporting beams

The axial loads in the beams should be calculated regarding the stiffness of the walls





Regarding second order effects in floors without structural topping



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Regarding second order effects in floors without structural topping





 δ = displacement due to horizontal load on floor (wind and imperfection), due to bending

(decrease of bending stiffness due to joint opening to be taken into account (next sheet)

$$\begin{split} \delta_1 &= \text{deflection caused by } (\mathsf{H}_{\mathsf{i}} + \mathsf{H}_{\mathsf{w}}) \\ \delta_2 &= \text{deflection caused by } (\mathsf{H}_{\mathsf{i}} - \mathsf{H}_{\mathsf{w}}) \\ \Delta \alpha_1 &= \delta_1 / \mathsf{h} \\ \Delta \alpha_2 &= (\delta_1 + \delta_2) / \mathsf{h} \\ \Delta \mathsf{H} &= \Delta \alpha_1 \cdot \mathsf{V}_1 + \Delta \alpha_2 \cdot \mathsf{V}_2 \text{ (increase of horizontal load on slab (first step in second order calculation)} \\ \mathsf{k}_1 &= \Delta \mathsf{H} / \mathsf{H} \end{split}$$

magnification factor $f = 1/(1 - k_1)$

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Regarding second order effects in floors without structural topping

Determination of bending stiffness of floor regarding joint opening





Steel stress in joint under moment M : $\sigma_s = M/(z \cdot A_s)$ Steel strain in joint $\epsilon_s = \sigma_s/E_s$

Mean steel strain in tensile tie: $\epsilon_{sm} = (I_b/b_{slab})$ Mean curvature under moment M: $\kappa = \epsilon_{sm}/z$ δ to be calculated by integration of κ over length of floor



Hollow core slabs as a basic element for beautiful buildings







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